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1. Ways

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- a. Two new ways (Nos. 1 and 2) are well under construction at this shipyard.

- b. Work on two additional ways (Nos. 3 and 4) is to start early in 1952, and it is planned at present to complete their underwater sections by the end of that year. These plans will present serious technical difficulties, since several supports for one cableway crane (also under construction) will need to be based and secured on the site of these additional ways. A solution is at present being sought to this difficulty, but it is apparent that work on the new ways will have to be delayed until 30 April 1952, by which date the cableway crane supports are scheduled to be completely installed.

- c. Although the first two new ways are now nearing completion and it is planned to start constructing the first ships on 1 January 1952, no arrangements have yet been made to link the ways to the fairway.

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This lack of dredging capacity will inevitably result in the need to fit all completed hulls in the fairway. The matter is now being taken up with the State Planning Commission, Berlin.

2. Cableway crane

One large cableway crane mounting twelve mobile cranes is being built alongside the two new ways. Almost continuous difficulties are being experienced in its erection, since most of the subcontractors concerned in the production of its subsections have found it impossible to meet delivery dates. Target dates for the completion of various sections of this crane have already, according to the minutes of a progress conference held at Warnowerft on 13 September 1951, been revised nine times and completion is now scheduled for late March 1952.

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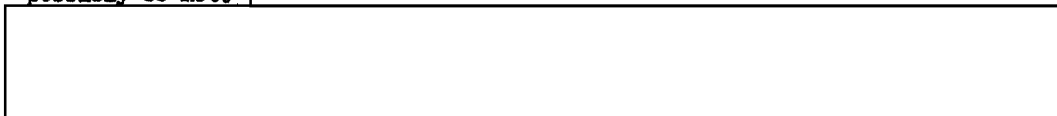
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3. Shipbuilding shed (Schiffbauhalle)

One large shipbuilding shed is now under construction at this shipyard. So far only the pillars and their foundations have been completed and the target date for having this major building half finished by 31 December 1951 cannot possibly be met.

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4. Fitting workshops

Three fitting workshops (Nos. 5, 6 and 9) are also being built as extensions to the Warnowerft and this work is progressing according to plan; workshop No. 9 is almost certain to be completed ahead of schedule and the other two by 31 December 1951.

5. Docks

New docks and extensions to existing ones are to be finished by 31 December 1951. Work is progressing satisfactorily and this target date is not expected to present any difficulties.

6. Transformer Station No. II

This new transformer station was to have been completed by 31 July 1951. The housing was almost finished by 13 September 1951. Switchboards were then also under construction at subcontractors plants (not named) though these firms have reported difficulties in obtaining low tension and high tension switches. Six transformers are to be delivered by Transformatorenwerk, Oberschöneweide, Berlin, in late September or early October 1951, but this is dependent on the timely procurement of suitable sheet steel (4 metric tons varying from 1 - 8 mm.) from SAG Marten, Thale.

7. High tension power line extensions

Progress on the extensions to the high tension supply net of the Warnowerft has been seriously hampered by the lack of 31 km. of underground cables for which 48 metric tons of lead and 83 metric tons of copper have so far proved unobtainable in the DDR.

8. Other work in hand

Work is also under way on new coal bunkers, scheduled to be finished by 31 October 1951, and on the expansion of a number of office and store buildings. Additions are under construction on long distance heating, fencing, roads, railhead construction and canalization and water supply systems. Most of these minor tasks are progressing according to plan and should be completed by 31 December 1951.

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